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RE: IN THE MATTER OF QWEST CORPORATION'S TARIFF FILING TO
INTRODUCE FOUR NEW FEATURES TO BE INCLUDED UNDER BASKET 1
OF THE PRICE CAP PLAN (DOCKET NO. T-01051B-01-0284)

On April 3, 2001, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") filed tariff revisions to introduce four new features as Basket 1 Services. The Services are: NextConnects, I-CALLED, Easy Access and Security Screen. This filing is one of three that Qwest filed on April 3, 2001, that seek approval of new offerings under terms of the Price Cap Plan approved by the Commission in Decision No. 63487, dated March 30, 2001. Under the terms of the Plan, Qwest's services are grouped into three Baskets with different levels of pricing flexibility granted to each. Qwest proposes to include the proposed service in Basket 1, giving it somewhat limited pricing flexibility for the services under the Price Cap Plan. In general, Basket 1 services are those that have not been classified as competitive under A.A.C. R14-2-1108 or have not been granted flexible pricing by the Commission.

NextConnects is a feature that puts incoming calls on hold and allow the called party to answer the call in the order in which they were received. The proposed charge for the service is \$19.95 for the each increment of calls that can be put on hold. The caller will periodically be given the option of leaving a message (if the subscriber has voice mail) or continuing to hold. The I-CALLED feature allows a caller to leave a voice message for the called party when the line is busy. Qwest will attempt to deliver to the called party. The calling party (not the called party) will be billed for the service.

The Easy Access feature allows what is commonly called abbreviated dialing or code calling. The feature allows customers to have calls routed to a pre-programmed number by dialing *98. The proposed monthly charge for the service is \$0.98. Finally, Qwest proposes to introduce its Security Screen feature that allows subscribers to screen incoming calls where the number has been blocked.

Staff has reviewed the filing and recommends approval.

Deborah R. Scott
Director
Utilities Division

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Arizona Corporation Commission

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1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

2 WILLIAM A. MUNDELL
Chairman

3 JIM IRVIN
Commissioner

4 MARC SPITZER
Commissioner

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6 IN THE MATTER OF QWEST CORPORATION'S)
TARIFF TO INTRODUCE FOUR NEW)
7 FEATURES TO BE INCLUDED UNDER)
BASKET 1 OF THE PRICE CAP PLAN)

DOCKET NO. T-01051B-01-0284

DECISION NO. _____

8 ORDER

9 Open Meeting
May 1 and 2, 2001
10 Phoenix, Arizona

11 BY THE COMMISSION:

12 FINDINGS OF FACT

13 1. On April 3, 2001, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") filed tariff revisions to introduce four
14 new features to be included under Basket 1 of the Price Cap Plan. The Services are: NextConnects,
15 I-CALLED, Easy Access and Security Screen.

16 2. This filing is one of three that Qwest filed on April 3, 2001, that seek approval of new
17 offerings under terms of the Price Cap Plan approved by the Commission in Decision No. 63487, dated
18 March 30, 2001.

19 3. Under the terms of the Plan, Qwest's services are grouped into three Baskets with
20 different levels of pricing flexibility granted to each. Qwest proposes to include the proposed service
21 in Basket 1, giving it somewhat limited pricing flexibility for the services under the Price Cap Plan.
22 In general Basket 1 services are those that have not been classified as competitive under A.A.C. R14-
23 2-1108 or have not been granted flexible pricing by the Commission.

24 4. NextConnects is a feature that puts incoming calls on hold and allow the called party
25 to answer the call in the order in which they were received. The proposed charge for the service is
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28 CALLED feature allows a caller to leave a voice message for the called party when the line is busy.

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2 for the service. The Easy Access feature allows what is commonly called abbreviated dialing or code
3 calling. The feature allows customers to have calls routed to a pre-programmed number by dialing
4 *98. The proposed monthly charge for the service is \$0.98. Finally, Qwest proposes to introduce its
5 Security Screen feature that allows subscribers to screen incoming calls where the number has been
6 blocked.

7 5. Staff has reviewed the filing and recommends approval.

8 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

9 1. Qwest is an Arizona public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV,
10 Section 2 of the Arizona Constitution.

11 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Qwest and over the subject matter of the
12 application.

13 3. The Commission having reviewed the application and Staff's Memorandum dated April
14 17, 2001, concludes that the filing is reasonable, fair and equitable, and therefore, in the public interest.

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ORDER

Decision No. _____

1 THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the filing be and hereby is approved.

2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately

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4 **BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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6 CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER

7 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, BRIAN C. McNEIL, Executive
8 Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have
9 hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this
10 Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of
11 Phoenix, this _____ day of _____, 2001.

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13 BRIAN C. McNEIL
14 Executive Secretary

15 DISSENT: _____

16 DRS:WMS:lhmm\MAS

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